



ARTICLES TO
be enquired of in the vi-
sitation, in the first yeare of the
reigne of our most dread
Souereigne Ladie Eli-
zabeth by the grace
of God, of Eng-
land,
France, and Ireland, Queene,
defender of the
faith, &c.

Anno domini. 1559.



ARTICLES TO
be presented to the
Council of the
University of the
State of New York

James and William
of the State of New York
in the year 1811

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First, whether
anie Parson,
Vicar, or Cu-
rat be resident
continually by
on his benefice
doing his du-
tie in Prea-
ching, reading
and duely mi-
nistring the
holie Sacra-
ments.

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Resident.

Item, whether in their Churches & Chappels,
all images, shrines, al tables, candlestickes, trin-
dels, and rolles of ware, pictures, paintinges,
and all other monuments of faigned and false
miracles, pilgrimages, Idolatrie, and supersti-
tion, be remoued, abolished, and destroyed.

²
False mira-
cles.

Item, whether they doe not euerie holie day
whenthey haue no Sermon, immediatly after
the Gospell, openly, plainely and distinctly, re-
cite to their parishioners in the pulpit, the Lords
prayer, the beliefe, and the ten commandments
in English.

³
The Lords
prayer.

Item, whether they doe charge fathers and
mothers, maisters and gouernours of youth, to
bring them by in some vertuous studie and oc-
cupation.

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To bring up
youth.

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- Curates.** 5 Item, whether such beneficed men, as bee lawfully absent from their benefices, doe leaue their cures to a rude and vnlearned person, and not to an honest, well learned, and expert Curat, which can, and will teache you wholesome doctrine.
- Reading the scripture.** 6 Item, whether they do discourage any person from reading of any part of the Byble, either in Latine or English, and doe not rather comfort and exhort euery person to read the same at convenient times, as the very liuely worde of God, and the speciall food of mans soule.
- Tauernes and games.** 7 Item, whether Parsons, Vicars, Curats, and other ministers, be common haunters and resorters to Tauernes, or Alehouses, giuing themselves to drinking, rioting, and playing at vnlawfull games, and doe not occupie themselves in the reading or hearing of some parte of holpe scripture, or in some other godly exercise.
- Preachers.** 8 Item, whether they haue admitted any man to preache in their Cures, not beeing lawfully licensed thereunto, or haue beene licensed accordingly.
- Superstition.** 9 Item whether they vse to Declare to theyr parishioners, any thing to the extolling or setting forth of vaine and superstitious religion, pilgrimages, reliques, or images, or lighting of candelis,

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candels, kissing, kneeling, or decking of the same images.

Item, whether they haue one booke or register kept, wherein they write the day of euerie wedding, christning and burying. 10
Register.

Item, whether they haue exhorted the people to obedience to the Queenes Maiestie, and Ministers, and to charitie, and to loue one another. 11
Obedience.

Item, whether they haue admonished theyr parishioners, that they ought not to presume to receyue the Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, befoze they can saye perfectly the Lordes prayer, the articles of the faith, and the ten commandements in English. 12
The Sacrament.

Item, whether they be resident vpon their benefices, & keepe hospitalitie or no. And if they bee absent and keepe no hospitalitie, whether they do relieue their parishioners, & what they giue the. 13
Hospitalitie.

Item, whether Proprietaries, Parsons, Vicars, and Clerks, hauing Churches, Chappels, and Mansions, do keepe their Chauncels, Rectories, Vicarages, and all other houses appertaining to them, in due reparations. 14
Reparations.

Item, whether they do counsaile or moue their parishioners, rather to pray in a tongue not knownen, then in English, or put their trust in anye
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Prayer in English.

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Beades.

certaine number of prayers, as in saying ouer a number of Beades, or other like.

Defamed persons.

16

Item, whether they haue receyued anye persons to the Communion, being openly knowne to be out of charitie with theyr neighbours, or diffamed with any notorious crime, and not reformed.

Pooze mens boxe.

17

Item, whether they haue provided, and haue a strong chest for the pooze mens Boxe, and set and fastened the same in a place of the church, most conuenient?

Testament.

18

Item, whether they haue diligently called vpon, exhorted and moued their parishioners, and especially when they make their testaments, to giue to the said pooze mens boxe, and to bestowe that vppon the pooze, which they were wont to bestow vpon pilgrimages, pardons, trentalles, and vpon other like blinde deuotions.

**Sicke.
Buriall.**

19

Item, whether they haue denyed to visite the sicke, or burie the dead being brought to the church.

Simonie

20

Item, whether they haue bought their Benefices, or come to them by fraude, guile, deceite, or simonie.

Admonitions.

21

Item, whether they haue giuen open monition to their parishioners, to detect and present to

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to their ordinarie al ad ulterers and fornicatozs,
and such men as haue two wiues liuing within
their parishes.

Item, whether they haue monished their pari-
shioners openly, that they shoulde not sell, giue,
noꝝ otherwise alienate, anie of their Church
goods. 22
Church
goods.

Item, whether they, oꝝ any of them Do keepe
mo benefices and other Ecclesiasticall promoti-
ons then they ought to doe, not hauing sufficient
licences, and Dispensations thereunto, and how
many they be, and their names. 23
Ecclesiastical
benefices.

Item, whether they minister the holy Com-
munion any otherwysse, then onelie after such
forme and manner as it is set foorth by the com-
mon authoritie of the Queens Maiestie, and the
Parliament. 24
Communion.

Item, whether you know anie person within
your Parish, oꝝ elsewhere, that is a letter of the
worde of God to bee read in English, oꝝ sincerely
preached in place and times conuenient. 25
Letter of the
worde of
preaching.

Item, whether in the time of the Letante, oꝝ
any other common prayer, in the time of the ser-
mon oꝝ Homilie, and when the Priest readeth
the Scriptures to the Parishioners, anie per-
son haue departed out of the Church with-
out iust and necessarie cause, oꝝ disturbe the
Minister 26
Goers out of
the Church.

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Minister otherwise.

Church
money.

- 27 Item, whether the money comming and ry-
sing of any cattell, or other moueable stockes of
the Church, and money giuen and bequeathed
to the finding of Torches, Lightes, Tapers, or
Lampes, not payed out of any landes, haue not
beene employed to the poore mens chest.

Keepers of
the Church
money.

- 28 Item, who hath the sayde stockes and money
in their handes, and what be their names.

Contempt of
Priests.

- 29 Item, whether any vndiscreet person doe vn-
charitably contemne, and abuse priests and Mi-
nisters of the Church.

The kings
Grammer.

- 30 Item, whether there be any other Grammer
taught in any schoole within this Diocesse, then
that which is set forth by the authoritie of King
Henrie the eight.

The time of
Seruice.

- 31 Item, whether the seruice of the Church bee
done at due and conuenient howers.

Talkers in
the Church.

- 32 Item, whether any haue vsed to commune,
iangle, and talke in the Church in the time of the
prayer, reading of the Homilie, preaching, rea-
ding or Declaring of the scripture.

Heresies.

- 33 Item, whether any haue wilfully maintay-
ned, and defended any heresies, errours, or false
opinion, contrarie to the faith of Christ and ho-
ly scripture.

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Item, whether any be common Drunkardes, ³⁴
swearers, or blasphemers of the name of God. Drunkardes.

Item, whether any haue committed adulterie, ³⁵
fornication or incest, or bee common bawdes, or Adulterers.
receyvers of such euill persons, or vehemently
suspected of any of the premises.

Item, whether any be brawlers, slanderers, ³⁶
chyders, scholders, & sowers of discord betweene Brawlers.
one person and another.

Item, whether you knowe anye that doe vse ³⁷
charmes, sozceries, inchauntmentes, inuocati- Sozcerers.
ons, circles, witchcrafts, sothsayings, or any like
craftes or imaginations inuented by the De-
uill, and specially in the time of womens tra-
uell.

Item, whether the Churches, Pulpets, and ³⁸
other necessities appertayning to the same, bee Pulpets.
sufficiently repayred, and if they be not, in whose
default the same is.

Item, whether you knowe anye, that in con- ³⁹
tempt of their owne Parish Church, doe resorte Resorters to
other Churches.
to any other Church.

Item, whether any Inholders, or Alehouse ⁴⁰
keepers, doe vse commonly to sell meate & drinke Inholders.
in the time of common praier, preaching, reading
of the Homilies, or scripture.

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- 41** *Widoꝛs.* Item, whether you know any to bee maryed within the degrees prohibited by the Lawes of God, or that bee seperated or diuorced without the degrees prohibited by the lawe of God, and whether any such haue married againe.
- 42** *Widꝛie contracts.* Item, whether you know any to haue made priuie contracts of matrimonie, not calling two or moe witnesses thereunto, nor hauing thereto the consent of their parents.
- 43** *Banes.* Item, whether they haue married sollempnelie, the banes not first lawfully asked.
- 44** *Executoꝛs.* Item, whether you know any executoꝛs, or administratoꝛs of dead mens goods, which doe not onely bestowe such of the saide goodes, as were giuen and bequeathed, or appoynted to be distributed among the pooze people, repairing of high wates, finding of pooze schollers, or marrying of pooze maidens, or such other like charitable Deedes.
- 45** *Images.* Item, whether you knowe any that keepe in theyꝛ houses, any vndefaced Images, Tables, Pictures, paintings, or other Monumentes of fained and false miracles, pilgrimages, idolatrie and superstition, and do adore them, and specially such as haue been set vp in Churches, Chappels, and Oratories.
- 46** *Bookes.* Item, what bookes of holy Scripture you haue

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haue deliuered to be burned, or otherwise destroyed, and to whom ye haue deliuered the same.

Item, what bribes the accusars, promoters, ⁴⁷
persecutors, ecclesiasticall Iudges, and other the ^{Bribes.}
Commissioners appoynted within the seuerall
Diocesse of this Realme, haue receiued by them-
selues, or other, of those persons which were
in trouble, apprehended or imprisoned for Reli-
gion.

Item, what goods moueable, lands, fees, of- ⁴⁸
fices, or promotions, haue bin wrongfully taken ^{Losse of}
awaye in the time of Queene Maries raigne, ^{goods.}
from any person which fauoured the Religion
nowe set forth.

Item, howe many persons for religion haue ⁴⁹
died by fyre, famine, or otherwise, or haue beene ^{How many}
imprisoned for the same. ^{burnt.}

Item, that you make a true presentment of the
number of all the persons which dyed within ⁵⁰
your Parishes, sithence the feast of S. John the ^{Certificat of}
Baptist, which was in the yere of our lord God, ^{the dead.}
a thousand fife hundred fiftie and eight, vnto
the same feast last past, making therein a plaine
distinct declaration, howe many men, women,
and men children the same were, and the names
of the men.

Item, whether you knowe any man in your ⁵¹
parish ^{Secret}
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parish, secretly, or in vnlawfull conuenticles, say, or heare Masse, or any other seruice prohibited by the law.

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Faltering
vnlawfull
bookes.

Item, whether you know any person in your parish, to be a flauderer of his neighbours, or a sower of discord betwene partie and partie, man and wife, parents & their children, or that hath inuented, bruted, or set forth any rumours, false and sedicious tales, flauders, or makers, bringers, buiers, sellers, keepers, or conueyers of any vnlawful bookes, which might stirre and prouoke sedition, or maintaine superstitious seruice within this realme, or any ayders, counsaylers, procurers, or mainteyners therunto.

53
Patrone.
Cur.
Dication.

Item, whether the Church of your Parish bee now vacant or no, who is the patrone thereof, how long it hath bene vacant, who doth receiue the tithes, oblations, and other commodities, during the time of the vacation, and by what authoritie, and in what estate the sayde Church is at this time, and how long the Parson or Vicar hath had that benefice.

54
Minstrelles.

Item, whether any Minstrelles, or any other persons doe vse to sing or say any songs, or Witties that be vile or vncleane, and specially in derision of any godly order now set forth and established.

55
Letanie in
English.

Item, whether the Letanie in English with the

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the Epistle & gospel which was by the Queenes highnesse proclamation willed to be read to the people, were put in vse in your Churches, and if not, who were the letters thereof.

Item, whether the Curates and Ministers ⁵⁶ doe leysurely, plainly, and distinctly ^{distinct.} reade the publique prayers, Chapters and Homilies, as they ought to doe.

God saue the Queene.

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